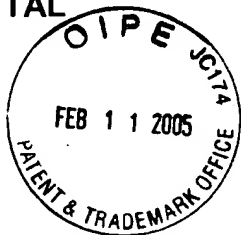


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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number: 09/685,577	Confirmation Number: 5696
Filing Date: October 11, 2000	
First Named Inventor: Véronique FERRARI	
Group Art Unit: 1612	
Examiner: Jyothsna A. VENKAT	
Attorney Docket Number: 05725.0656-01000	
Attorney Customer Number: 22,852	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

- 2. Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

- 3. Fees**
- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for three (3) months: \$1020.00
- iii. ☒ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1810.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: Michelle E. O'Brien	Reg. No.: 46,203
Signature: <i>Michelle O'Brien</i>	Date: February 11, 2005



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Véronique FERRARI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1615
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Application No.: 09/685,577)	Examiner: Jyothsna A. VENKAT
)	
Filed: October 11, 2000)	
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For: COMPOSITIONS STRUCTURED)	Confirmation No.: 5696
WITH AT LEAST ONE POLYMER)	
AND METHODS OF USING THE)	
SAME (as amended))	

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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the final Office Action mailed August 11, 2004, the period for reply having been extended to February 11, 2005, by the Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This Amendment is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fulfills the requirements of a "submission" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include a **Replacement Abstract** and **Exhibits A to C**.